



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

September 9, 2010

Dear First-Year Superintendent,

Congratulations on your new position as superintendent. You join a long list of distinguished Indiana educators, and I look forward to getting to know you better as we work together to provide equal educational opportunities to all Indiana students.

As you begin to settle into your new role, I hope you will join me and other first-year superintendents for a discussion about how the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) can support your efforts. Key members of IDOE's staff will be present as well, and we will cover topics including Indiana's Growth Model, teacher and principal evaluations, the Common Core State Standards and teacher licensing.

I urge you to come prepared for a spirited conversation about IDOE's reform agenda and how our efforts will impact your work. This meeting will be held on September 27, 2010, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at IDOE headquarters (151 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN). To RSVP for this discussion, please contact Dennis Brooks at 317-234-4703 or dbrooks@doe.in.gov.

I look forward to seeing you on September 27. In the meantime, feel free to call me at 317-232-6665 with questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Bennett
State Superintendent of Public Instruction